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LeBidois will go to Queen's University so as to lecture there before the French Club. I know officially that he would be delighted to accept a similar invitation from Toronto University. Mr LeBidois is a very distinguished writer, an excellent lecturer and a most charming man. — I hope, Sir, that you will forgive me my "sans gêne" taking into account my good intentions.

Most respectfully yours
Lem. Gérin Lajoie

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Please show to Prof Cameron and tell him I will write to him in a few days.

Montreal, 22/11/20
11 Place d'Armes.

Sir R. Falconer,
President: Toronto University
Toronto.

Sir,

In November last, I had the honour to be introduced to you after my address to the Empire Club.

You were kind enough to show some interest in my humble

remarks, especially as to a possible interchange of Professors between you and us. The scheme seemed to appeal to you, but you had doubts as to its operation.

My idea in this matter is only to have a few lectures delivered every year to Toronto University by Montreal speakers and vice versa... I believe (and I think you share my opinion)

that our relations could thus be made much more intimate.

To apply practically my plan, I could suggest that our Professor of French Literature, Mr George Le Bidois (of Paris) would be quite willing to deliver a lecture in French before your students following that evening.

Next month (in May and), Mr

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February 24th, 1920

Mr. L. A. Gouin,
11 Place d'Armes,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

Sir Robert Falconer has not been at his office for some days, but he has asked me to say that he will consult with the Head of our French Department and answer your letter in a few days.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

March 2nd, 1920

Mr. L. M. Bouin,
11 Place d'Armes,
Montreal, Q.

Dear Mr. Bouin:

I have heard from the Head of our Department of French and he would be very glad to have Professor Le Sidois come to lecture to our students at the University. It is a little doubtful this year as the students are now beginning to put their attention on preparation for the spring examinations, and we might not be able to furnish a very large audience from them, but probably there would be a number of others who would be glad to come to the lecture. I should be glad to arrange for the travelling expenses and entertainment while here of Professor Le Sidois. If you will let me know what date he is coming to Queen's University I would endeavour to make our arrangements suit his in that respect ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Sir Robert Falconer
President: Toronto University
Toronto.

Sir,

I have just received your very kind letter of the 2d instant.

You cannot imagine how glad I am to see in what a charming manner you

I have accepted my humble suggestion.

I will meet without delay Mr LeBidois and you will hear from me within the shortest delay as to date, etc.

I thank you most heartily, my dear Sir, and I congratulate you very sincerely for this new proof of enlightened patriotism.

Yours most truly,

Léon Mercier Gouin